

Connecticut has lost its way!!!

I have been a Connecticut resident for almost 45 years and one of the major considerations in choosing Connecticut was a favorable tax environment. Remember --- NO STATE PERSONAL INCOME TAXES.

The politicians attitude that the citizenry will just knuckle under when a garden variety of taxes are annually increased really bothers me. Seldom do we hear of reductions of any kind in the size of government.

Take a really serious financial dilemma, government pensions. Despite American industry moving to employee managed plans, Connecticut still continues with the more costly to administer and equally more expensive defined benefit plans. Benefits that cannot be honored! And who will pay the price?

When are the interests of taxpayers considered?

You can go down the list: Personal Income Tax, Estate and Gift Taxes, Sales Taxes, and Property Taxes.

We have heard businesses recently in the news regarding taxes. It took a few major corporations to threaten leaving Connecticut to get the politicians' attention; the long-simmering angst of small businesses has been all but disregarded.

Connecticut must find its way back to financial solvency. The normal long term financial view of two/three years no longer cuts it. Politicians must get real if Connecticut is to become competitive with other states. Simply considering as competition for business and growing families only the major neighboring states (NJ,NY,MA) misses the point completely.

Connecticut cannot afford to run the state government for the benefit of current state employees. It must be for all Connecticut residents. Otherwise Connecticut does not have a hopeful future.

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